

(Washington, DC)— Congresswoman Gwen Moore today stressed the need for women to attain financial literacy while co-hosting a women's empowerment seminar with more than 200 Milwaukee women at Mount Mary College.

As a member of the Financial Services Committee and its Housing Subcommittee, Congresswoman Moore supports key legislation that works to improve financial literacy in the public.

"Financial know-how is one of the next battlegrounds in the fight for equal rights.

We must continue to work so that women have access to the same financial tools and achieve a higher level of financial literacy," Congresswoman Gwen Moore said. "Women must have enough financial self-sufficiency to know a bad deal when they see one."

The women's empowerment seminar titled, "Sisters Rising Up: Taking it to the Next Level," included remarks from keynote speaker Gail Perry Mason, First Vice President of Investments at Oppenheimer & Co. and best-selling coauthor of "Girl Make Your Money Grow!"

Congresswoman Moore co-sponsored the event with United Way, Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Agency, UWM-Partnerships and Innovations and Mount Mary College.

Congresswoman Moore introduced the Homebuyers Protection Act in September that would help protect homebuyers from risky loan practices by offering safeguards to currently dangerous loan practices.

Congresswoman Moore also supports legislation that works to improve the public's financial literacy, including The National Financial Literacy Act of 2007 and The Financial Literacy for Homeowners Act.

"My whole life I have had a front-row seat to experience the great lack of financial literacy in our community," Congresswoman Moore said. "We must continue working to gain financial stability by educating women in our community."

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